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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

With the current publicity over the failed nuclear plants, this seems like a money grab. I had no part in the debacle that failed, yet every company and the state thinks we should bail them out for poor decisions. If I make a bad decision or investment, it's on me. I have no one to jack around to get me off the hook. They are a business. My business cuts cost instead of jacking up prices. Find another way!

Sincerely,
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